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Soviet Media Show Optimism About Trade with US

A somewhat more optimistic tone has marked recent Soviet media treatment of the prospects for trade with the US.

An article in *Pravda* on July 19 professed to see a "growing trend" in Congress toward a review of present legal barriers to bilateral trade and economic ties. Although the article cautioned that alteration of the offending legislation was not a foregone conclusion, it pointed out that Senators Scott, Humphrey, and Ribicoff--fresh from an official visit to Moscow--have stated their intention to seek changes. The article also reported that President Ford had recently written Congress regarding the need for an urgent review of the 1974 trade law and the law limiting Export-Import Bank credits to the USSR.

approvingly of the efforts of the Ford administration and influential congressmen to seek "normalization" of US-Soviet trade and economic relations.

revived the theme that trade could include additional compensation deals involving American assistance in extractive and refining ventures. Renewed public encouragement of US involvement in Soviet extractive industries is noteworthy since capitalist "exploitation" of Soviet natural resources has previously been a sore issue with many Soviets.

The relatively upbeat nature of these articles stands in contrast to statements earlier this year which registered Soviet anger and disappointment at the collapse of the 1972 trade agreement. The recent

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senatorial visit to Moscow and the administration's efforts to revise the existing legislation have evidently rekindled Soviet hopes. Moscow appears satisfied that its refusal to bow to congressional pressure on the emigration issue has had the desired effect of inducing a more flexible US attitude.

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Party Chiefs Lead Delegations to CSCE

Thus far three East European nations and the USSR have made known their delegations to the CSCE summit.

USSR*

General Secretary, CPSU Central Committee

Leonid Ilich Brezhnev

USSR Minister of Foreign Affairs

Andrey Andreyevich Gromyko

Head of the General Department, CC, CPSU

Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko

USSR Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Anatoly Gavrilovich Kovalev

HUNGARY

First Secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' (Communist) Party and a member of the Presidential Council

Janos Kadar (delegation head)

Premier

Gyorgy Lazar

Foreign Minister

Frigyes Puja

Deputy Foreign Minister

Janos Nagy

Ambassador to Finland

Rudolf Ronai

^{*}We have not yet seen a public announcement of this delegation.

POLAND

Party First Secretary

Edward Gierek (dele-

gation head)

Prime Minister

Piotr Jaroszewicz

Foreign Minister

Stefan Olszowski

Party Secretary (for International Relations) Ryszard Frelek

Deputy Foreign Minister

Eugeniusz Kulaga

Deputy Foreign Minister

Jozef Czyrek

Ambassador

Marian Dobrosielski

Ambassador (to Finland)

Adam Willmann

YUGOSLAVIA

President

Josip Broz Tito (delegation head)

Member of Collective State Presidency and head of State Council on Foreign Relations Edvard Kardelj

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister

Milos Minic

Deputy Foreign Minister

Lazar Mojsov

Assistant Foreign Minister

Berislav Badurina

Ambassador

Djuro Nincic

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